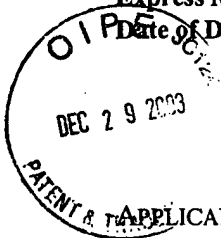


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RESPONSE TO MAY 16, 2003 OFFICE COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2003 ("Office Communication"), please amend the application as indicated below and consider the following remarks.

In the specification:

A substitute specification is submitted herewith in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. Also, please replace the pending sequence listing with the enclosed sequence listing.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Communication indicating a Non-Responsive Amendment, Applicants enclose a substitute specification and a substitute sequence listing, a computer-readable form of the sequence listing, and a statement in support of the computer-readable form of the sequence listing. No new matter has been added.